GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PILFERAGE AND THEFT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is heavy pilferage and theft of foodgrains in FCI godowns in collusion with staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether inquiries have been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the inquiries are likely to be completed;

(e) Whether the Investigation Agency has submitted any Interim Report in the past;

(f) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; (g) if not, the time by which the Interim Report is likely to be received; (h) whether the Government have evolved any viable and sustainable strategy to reduce the pilferage and theft of foodgrains; (i) if so, the details thereof; and (j) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. In some of the cases, the security staff and the FCI officials were found to be negligent.However, no case of FCI staff being in collusion has come to notice.

(b) Year-wise details of theft during the last three years, are as under:
Amount (Rs.)

Year	No. of Cases	Involved	Recovered
1997-98	10	14,14,044	11,92,154
1998-99	18	7,02,924	4,76,075
1999-2000	22	8,15,558	87,848
Total	50	29,32,526	17,56,077

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) FIRs have been lodged with the police in these cases for investigation.Besides, FCIconducted departmental inquiries to ascertain the factual position. The disciplinary action has been taken against the negligent staff. In most cases, the departmental inquiries have already been completed while in some, they are still in progress.

(e) In certain cases, the police has submitted untraced/closed reports while in others, the police has submitted the charge-sheets in the Court and cases are pending trial.

(f) Where police could find the proof and culprits were caught, such cases are pending trial. For negligency, departmental action has been taken against the FCI staff.

(g) Police investigation and Court trials are in progress and their progress is monitored.

(h) Yes, Sir.

(i) For the security of the foodgrains, the FCI`s watch-and-ward staff has been deployed.Besides the help of local police, home

guards, state armed police, Central Industrial Security Force are being deployed.

(j) Not applicable.